



For Immediate Release

Media Contact:

Damien Johnson

(602) 347-6908

djohnson@azmed.org

Statement from the Arizona Medical Association Regarding Governor Ducey's Executive Order

March 30, 2020 (Phoenix) – The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) applauds Arizona Governor Doug Ducey for issuing the Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Executive Order earlier today. The Executive Order follows guidelines provided by the CDC and is an appropriate step to ensure we continue to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

“Arizona physicians appreciate the significance of what this decision means for the safety, security, and economic vitality of the state,” said Susan Whitely, MD, ArMA President. “This order gives Arizona’s health care system the strongest possible chance to mitigate the spread of this virus and address the impact. ArMA continues to support the work of Governor Doug Ducey and ADHS Director Dr. Cara Christ on needs related to the state’s COVID-19 response.”

Arizona physicians urge its residents to abide by these new regulations in the Executive Order. It is critical that all residents follow these regulations, with the understanding that these measures are for the greater good of the community.

“Do not ignore other health conditions or concerns and don’t abandon healthy behaviors like exercise, following social distance recommendations,” Dr. Whitely says. “If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, or other acute or chronic conditions, don’t ignore them. Continue to take your medications and contact your physician by phone or telemedicine options. Most importantly, we must continue to support each other during this time and stay safely connected with friends, family, and neighbors.”

###

About Arizona Medical Association

The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) is the largest organization in the state representing the interests of all physicians. For more than 125 years, ArMA has been advancing patient care and providing its members with leadership, advocacy, education, and networking. For more information, visit www.AZmed.org and follow ArMA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).